

State Water Resources Control Board

Ms. Jennie Short
Garberville Sanitary District
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Dear Ms. Jennie Short:

(IS/MND) INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR GARBERVILLE SANITARY DISTRICT (WATER SYSTEM); ROBERTSON/WALLAN/HURLBUTT TANKS REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PROJECT); HUMBOLT COUNTY; STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2023100664

DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY PERMIT AMENDMENT

Thank you for the opportunity to review the IS/MND for the proposed Project. The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (State Water Board, DDW) is responsible for issuing water supply permits pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act. This Project is within the jurisdiction of DDW Klamath District. DDW Klamath District issues domestic water supply permit amendments to the public water systems serviced with a new or modified source of domestic water supply or new domestic water system components pursuant to Waterworks Standards (Title 22 CCR chapter 16 et. seq.). A public water system requires a new water supply permit amendment when changes are made to a domestic water supply source, storage, or treatment and for the operation of new water system components- as specified in the Waterworks Standards. The Water System will need to apply for a water supply permit amendment for this Project.

Waterworks Standards state, "The water supplier shall submit to the State Water Board for review the design drawings and specifications for each proposed distribution reservoir prior to its construction" (CCR, Title 22, chapter 16, article 6, section 64585[b]). Please send the tank designs to the State Water Board, DDW's Klamath District for review prior to the start of the Project construction.

FUNDING

We understand that the Water System has acquired Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) financing for this Project (DWSRF No. C-06-1210008-008P). As a funding agency and a state agency with jurisdiction by law to preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is providing the following water quality comments on the IS/MND circulating for the Project.

The State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance, is responsible for administering the DWSRF Program (Program). The primary purpose for the Program is

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to implement the Safe Drinking Water Act and various state laws by providing financial assistance for drinking facilities improvements to provide clean potable drinking water, and thereby protect and promote health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the state.

All applicants seeking funding must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and provide appropriate documents to the State Water Board so that it can fulfill its CEQA responsibilities, see [CEQA Requirements](#). For additional Program information, the complete environmental application package and instructions, please visit:

[Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Forms and Instructions](#).

Following are specific comments on the Water System's draft IS/MND:

- Under the Environmental Checklist Form, Number "11. Other public agencies whose approval is required" please include "State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water- Water supply permit amendment is required after construction is completed."
- Please attach the technical reports prepared and referenced (e.g., Geotech Investigation Report, Biological and Wetland Assessment, Cultural Resources Investigation, ex cetera) to the document. Documents incorporated by reference must be made publicly available (CCR Title 14. Section 15150 [b]).
- Please discuss how service to customers will be maintained. If outages will occur, discuss how outages will be managed and the estimated durations of the outages. (e.g., The Wallan Tank that serves zone five will be demolished and rebuilt in the same location. Will temporary infrastructure be installed?)
- The document indicates that construction is anticipated to involve work in or near jurisdictional waters (PDF page 75), but also indicates the proposed project does not propose the alteration of the course of a stream or river (PDF page 90)." These two statements appear to conflict with one another. Please clarify.

If an application for construction funding will be submitted, please upload to Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool the following applicable documents for the proposed Project: (1) one copy of the draft and final IS/MND with the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), (2) the resolution adopting the IS/MND and MMRP, (3) all comments received during the review period and the Water System's response to those comments, and (4) the Notice of Determination filed with the Humboldt County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse. In addition, we would appreciate notices of any hearings or meetings held regarding environmental review of any projects to be funded by the State Water Board.

If funding will not be pursued, please forward the above requested documents with your permit amendment application to the State Water Board, DDW Klamath District Office at DWPRedding@waterboards.ca.gov

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Water System's draft IS/MND. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (916) 449-5285, or by email at Lori.Schmitz@waterboards.ca.gov or contact Mrs. Bridget Binning at (916) 449-5641, or by email at Bridget.Binning@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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